

October 18, 2020
10:00 AM



**render to Caesar what is Caesars
and God what is God's**

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Our Mission Statement: “With faith in God’s grace, we share Christ’s love with all, so that lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit.”

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SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 AM
WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE

Celebrated each week, including a sermon and communion with those present and at home. Your Pastor, Intern Pastor, musicians, and AV tech will gather to celebrate worship online with you from the sanctuary.

Go to our website, www.selcaz.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page, look for the “Watch Services” ‘button,’ click on it, then click on the worship service to the right that you want to watch. These will remain available to watch for 90 days. If you can’t watch it online, call the office to request a DVD, if desired.

PRAYER REQUESTS for the month of **October** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Cindy Wiste at cindywiste@gmail.com

Please pray for Erin Stephenson’s friend Steve, SELC Council positions to be filled in January. **Please continue to pray for** Barb Wirsching’s daughter Greta, George Abraham (C.J.’s brother), the Pedersen family from Shepherd’s Fold, Faye Toto, Sue Stohlmayer, Sandy Urlie-Hall, the family of Bob Hollis; Paul Wirsching Jr.; Wyman (Julie March’s cousin); the family of Charles Brandes; Elaine Thomtson, Dena Anderson; Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander’s son and wife); Jim and Pam Andrew; Clayton, Karen Cottrell, Norm Grahn, Samantha Howard, Don Huthoefer, Sharon Keene, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Michael (Lisa Mitchell’s nephew); Anne Nowak, Caroline Pentecost; Linda Perry, Jerry Regan, Bob Reiner; the Rewis family, Dee Rowley; Dee Stickley, Bob Strain, Verona Webb, John Williams; The Navajo Evangelical Mission at Rock Point; all people who are in lockdown in facilities and affected by the virus; military personnel everywhere.

NEXT WEEK IS REFORMATION SUNDAY.
YOU’RE INVITED TO WEAR RED, EVEN AT HOME WATCHING ONLINE!

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(* = Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING

Chime

Prelude “Jesus Is All the World To Me” (Will Thompson, arr. Gail Smith)

(You may wish to light a candle or two during this time in your home)

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn (*Sung by soloist*) “God is Here!” ELW #526, vss. 1-3

Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Gospel Acclamation ELW p.142; spoken

*Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Intern Pastor Annela Rova

Moment of Silent Reflection

Offering Moment - *As this gift of special music is offered, we also invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called today or this week to respond to God's grace through the sharing of your service, your caring and your monetary resources. Perhaps say a prayer or write a note of commitment about how this might be done. We thank all those who have faithfully given to God's work through SELC. See www.selcaz.org and click on the 'Giving' tab for info how to give online.*

Special Music "Jesus I Come" (Sleeper/Stebbins)
Presented by Doris Randolph

***Apostles' Creed** ELW p.104

***Prayers of the People**

***Sharing of the Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with one another)

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving** (*spoken*)

***Dialogue** ELW pg. 144

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy** (*spoken*) ELW pg. 144

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

(If you have bread and wine or grape juice at home, you're welcome to lift it up as does the pastor and partake of it together or alone in your home).

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

*Sending Hymn (*Sung by soloist*)

“Seek Ye First”

WOV #783

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Voluntary on Sending Hymn”

(arr. Billie Hayes)

Flowers Provided by the Bobar Family in memory of Bob.

Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
Donna Bryan in memory of Loved Ones.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

INTERN SERMON FEEDBACK - Thank you to all who offer constructive feedback for our Intern Pastor, especially when she preaches. Following the model of *lectio divina* practices, you are invited to respond to the sermon by following this format:

- 1) Listen for a phrase, story or illustration that most “catches” your attention, thoughts or feelings.
- 2) Why did it “catch” you? What does that tell you?
- 3) Where did it take you in your thinking, feeling and/or actions?

You can write your thoughts down and turn them into Pastor Perry or send them to his email at pastor@selcaz.org. Thanks for helping to improve our Intern’s homiletical skills in this way!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP RESUMING OCTOBER 18TH - Join us for Zoom fellowship again on Sunday, Oct. 18th, at 11:30 am! Here’s the Zoom invitation:

<https://zoom.us/j/91444195533?pwd=UFc5M3BFTUs2OXVxV0NjMlJjCwD3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 914 4419 5533 Passcode: 930563

One tap mobile: +13462487799,,91444195533#,,,,,0#,,930563# US (Houston)

“HYBRID” WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We are welcoming those who aren’t able or comfortable using Zoom to join us in person in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study, along with others who will also be joining us through Zoom. If you could please call the office to let us know if you plan to be there it would help in our preparations. We continue to study the upcoming Sunday’s lectionary readings. All are welcome to participate! Watch for the Zoom invitation in Monday’s Messenger.

CONFIRMATION LEARNING EVENTS RESTARTING NEXT WEEK - We will be starting up our Confirmation Learning Events again next week, Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 3:30-4:45 pm, in the Fellowship Hall (distanced, wearing masks). This is for our youth, 6-8th grade. If you’re interested, please contact Pastor Mark, pastor@selcaz.org, or call the church office.

G.I.F.T. REFORMATION EVENT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25^T - All ages, all generations, are invited to join us on Zoom for our next “Generations In Faith Together” event on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, 11:30-12:15 pm. We’ll be lifting up some of the “gifts” we receive as Lutheran Christians because of our heritage from Martin Luther. It promises to be a fun, meaningful, and creative time. Watch for more information and the Zoom invite to come!

IN PERSON WORSHIP INVITATION

It is an exciting blessing to worship together in person in the sanctuary! It is definitely a different experience than pre-pandemic, e.g., we are learning how to worship more with our heart than with our voices in song. We also were aware of and grateful for those who are worshiping with us online. If you attended worship in person or online and have any feedback to offer to help us improve the experience, please let us know your thoughts.

We invite those who feel comfortable doing so to join us for worship in the sanctuary in upcoming Sundays. In person sanctuary worship is being offered at 10:00 am. This and all services will also continue to be offered livestreamed online at our website, on YouTube and Facebook.

Those wishing to attend services will need to make reservations for each Sunday service, by the previous Thursday, 4:00 pm, on a “first come, first served” basis, by calling or email the church office (520-459-0444, or admin@selcaz.org) to reserve a seat. Reservations are limited to 40 people for each service (not including those serving) to allow for physical distancing. Those who reserve too late for the coming Sunday will be put at the top of the list for the next Sunday. If numbers indicate the need, we’ll look to add another worship service in the future.

- Face masks are required to be worn at all times. (except those age 2 or under or precluded because of respiratory or other health issues)
- Sign in at door for attendance record and for the possibility of tracking potential exposure.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door.
- Hand sanitizer used upon entry.
- All keep distance of 6’ between households or single individuals.
- No congregational singing. Songs offered by a soloist from behind a protective shield and our musician, Billie Hayes.
- Communion shared by use of individual sealed cups and wafers at your seat (picked up upon entering church.) Mask may be removed briefly at this time and then reapplied.
- Offerings placed into stationary receptacle in the narthex.
- Air circulated with windows open when feasible.
- Please limit the number of items brought into the sanctuary to just what is essential. You may wish to bring your own water bottle.
- No nursery provided for childcare; narthex area available if needed for parents with children.
- The sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned after each service.

We know that these protocols are likely to make for a very different worship experience than pre-pandemic. The SELC COVID-19 Response Team and Council believe it is what is needed to keep us safe as possible, following CDC and other medical authorities, with the caveat that to come is not without risk as we are not a medically sterile facility. Community infection rates will be closely monitored to ensure we continue as safely as we can. **Those with health issues or having recently traveled to higher risk areas are discouraged** from attending and no one is judged for their decision about this. We also believe that it will be a blessing to be back in worship together and trust we will learn new ways to praise God together from our hearts! Thanks again to our worship and COVID-19 Response Teams for helping us to gather as safely as possible and to enable us to have a positive experience yesterday!

FAITH Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Isaiah 45:5-7 - ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.”

(Post or keep this weekly scripture in a handy place and every morning or evening share the following as a couple, or with family members in the home or even with a dear friend over the phone.)



Share your highs and lows of the day with one another.



Read the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



Pray for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



Bless one another. Make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or the palm of your hands and say something simple such as: "God bless you and keep you in His love and care!" Or feel free to make up your own blessing that incorporates a part of the FAITH5 verse of the week.